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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Tuan T. Lam

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 November 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 19,26 and 32 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3-4, 6-9, 11-12, 14-18, 20-25, 27- 31 and 33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2,5,10 and 13 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 September 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

This is a response to the amendment filed 11/23/2005. Claims 1-33 are pending and are under examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 3-4, 6-9, 11-12, 14-18, 20-25, 27- 31 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Greene (USP 3,921,003).

Figure 3 of Greene shows a circuit for observing (monitoring) register output without altering logical value of the register output, said circuit comprising a wiring loop (wire connecting input and output of the register 364 or 365 via a switch 371 or 372) connecting the input of said shift register with the output of said shift register, and a control device (sampler 362, 370) connected to said wiring loop, wherein said control device is adapted to use said wiring loop to cause said data to be continually transferred from said output of said shift register to said input of said shift register and through said shift register in a circular manner, wherein said control device includes a data output (output of sensor 350 and 355) accessible from outside circuit, and wherein said control device outputs data appearing on said wiring loop as said data is circulated through said shift register to permit said data of said shift register to be observed (decoders 367 and 368 monitors the contents of the shift registers) outside said circuit without

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altering logical values of said data of said shift register as called for in claims 1, 7, 9, 15-16, 18, 21, 22-23 and 28.

Regarding claims 3, 17, 24 and 30, figure 3 shows the storage device (391, 392 and 393) to record said data as data appears on said wiring loop.

Regarding claims 4, 12 figure 3 shows the control device having a write device (362) to change one or more bits of data of said shift register.

Regarding claims 6, 11 and 14 figure 3 shows the observing wires as the wires connected to the output of the shift register.

Regarding claim 8, the shift register selector is seen sampler 362, 363.

Regarding claims 20, 27 and 33, figure 3 directing said data to a location external to said shift register (logic gates 380, 385) to allow said shift register to be examined by an external device (386-388).

Regarding claims 25 and 31, altering data occurs from the output of the sensors 350 and 355.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 2, 5, 10, 13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

4. Claims 19, 26 and 32 are presently allowed.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan T. Lam whose telephone number is 571-272-1744. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday (7:30 am to 6:00pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, TIMOTHY P. CALLAHAN can be reached on 571-272-1740. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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